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TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO LEONE CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT LEONE: "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: YOU HAVE MY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY FOR THE PLIGHT OF THE MANY AMERICAN STATES DAMAGED BY WIDESPREAD FLOODS. ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO YOU MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON."

2. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF LEONE MESSAGE TRANSMITTED BY ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE APRIL 10: "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THE NEWS OF THE WIDESPREAD FLOODS THAT HIT MANY AMERICAN STATES, CAUSING ENORMOUS DAMAGE AND TAKING NUMEROUS VICTIMS, PROVOKED GREAT DISMAY IN ITALY. DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE SUFFERING AND THE DIFFICULTIES THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE ENDURED ON THIS PAINFUL OCCASION, I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU,

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MR. PRESIDENT, ALSO ON BEHALF OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE, THE

EXPRESSION OF MY DEEPEST SOLIDARITY. GIOVANNI LEONE."

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE NOTES BUT HAS NO  
OBJECTION IF GOI DOES SO. KISSINGER

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